



To Our Dedicated Members,

For 50 years, the Council for Resource Development has led community colleges in the development of grants and private fundraising through a multitude of programs and services. During that time, our members pioneered the development of resources that have strengthened institutions and opened the doors of opportunity for millions of students. As one of the first affiliate councils of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), CRD has played a significant role in the vitality of community colleges, and carried the torch for the development of federal, state, local and private support.

Thank you for being a part of this compelling mission through your membership in CRD!

While our history is long, the times are changing. The new fiscal environment is straining community college budgets and leading to challenges for many member associations. CRD is no exception. Therefore, in order to ensure the continuation of our mission to provide outstanding professional development and support for community college fundraising and grant development staff including CEO's, CRD has entered into an agreement with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), in order to expand and enhance these opportunities for members.

Through the CASE Center for Community College Advancement, this agreement will provide continuity of services to CRD members at no additional charge through the end of 2016. CASE will also adopt grant development programming, the Federal Funding Task Force (FFTF) Report, a fundraising program for presidents, and incorporate several traditional CRD awards into the CASE awards program. In addition, CRD will receive ongoing recognition for the programs adopted by CASE.

CASE will incorporate CRD leadership in the CASE volunteer structure. CRD board member Dr. Joe Sopcich will take a seat on the CASE Center for Community College Advancement Advisory Committee, and work with members of the CRD Council of Presidents led by Dr. Joe May, Chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District, to enhance programming for presidents. CASE Board member Rosie Connor also has been invited to serve on the planning committee for the 2016 and 2017 CASE Conference for Community College Advancement, and CASE will begin working with FFTF volunteers to plan the next FFTF Report.

This agreement will take effect on July 1, 2016. For additional details about the transition and its implications for members, please refer to the enclosed FAQ sheet and the letter to CRD members from CASE.

Regarding this agreement, Dr. Walter Bumphus, President and CEO of AACC, said, *"The Council for Resource Development has served community colleges admirably for 50 years. I am pleased that their legacy of service and support for our colleges will live on through this agreement with CASE, and I compliment the CRD Board and, especially, board president Leah Goss, for their leadership and foresight. I have great respect for CASE and believe that community colleges and, most importantly, our students, will benefit greatly from this agreement in the years to come."*

CRD Board President Leah Goss stated, *"I am confident that CRD members will find a home in CASE. With 81,000 members worldwide in more than 3,700 institutions, and an extensive array of resources, programs*

*and services, CASE has both the capacity and the commitment to advance the community college cause and support our members. We look forward to implementing this agreement and seeing the CRD mission continue through CASE.”*

CASE President Sue Cunningham said, *“We salute the accomplishments and proud legacy of CRD, and look forward to welcoming CRD’s members and volunteer leaders as CASE continues to advance the vital mission of community colleges.”*

Thank you for your membership, your support of CRD, and your service to community colleges.

Sincerely,

The CRD Board of Directors

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